

From the CEO's Desk

2011 - Did it happen, or did it not?

As the curtain closes on another year, one could be excused for asking where did it go! But before the door closes, Golf NSW has another Club Connect for you. Hopefully the inclusions are of real benefit at this time and we have some exciting new features planned for 2012. Please read on!

Golf Club Connect

The yet to be officially launched program set up by Golf Australia to promote the introduction of players to clubs seems to be receiving a cool reception from clubs and Golf NSW is somewhat dismayed by the response. If nothing else, please view the offer inside, and send Golf NSW your questions or feedback on info@golfnsw.org.

Nicole Bessant joins Golf NSW Staff roster

Following the recent departure of Donna Mitchell from the Golf Department, we are extremely pleased to announce Nicole Bessant as her replacement.

Nicole comes to Golf NSW with a varied and valued industry background, which underpins her capability to continue to the delivery of events as if there had been no interruption. Add the Club Champion title at Sydney's Liverpool Golf Club to Nicole's CV and you will soon see why we have selected her on our side. Welcome Nicole, we know our member clubs will enjoy your presence when you visit them to run one of our many Golf NSW events.

2012 Women's NSW Open website launched

The new year will be but young when the 2012 Women's NSW Open takes place at Oatlands Golf Club (27-29 January) and Golf NSW invites every interested person, man women and child regardless of their interest in the game to attend and welcome some of the world's most accomplished lady professionals.

This is no new news for those who have dropped into Oatlands in past years as the professionals on show are literally World Class. They are simply entertaining to say the least and Oatlands is a magical club to visit, to enjoy a drink, or a coffee or meal.

The 2012 Open is the 6th held since its inception in 2006 and Golf NSW is excited to announce for the very first time the Championship now has its own website. Go to www.womensnswopen.com.au to read the latest news.

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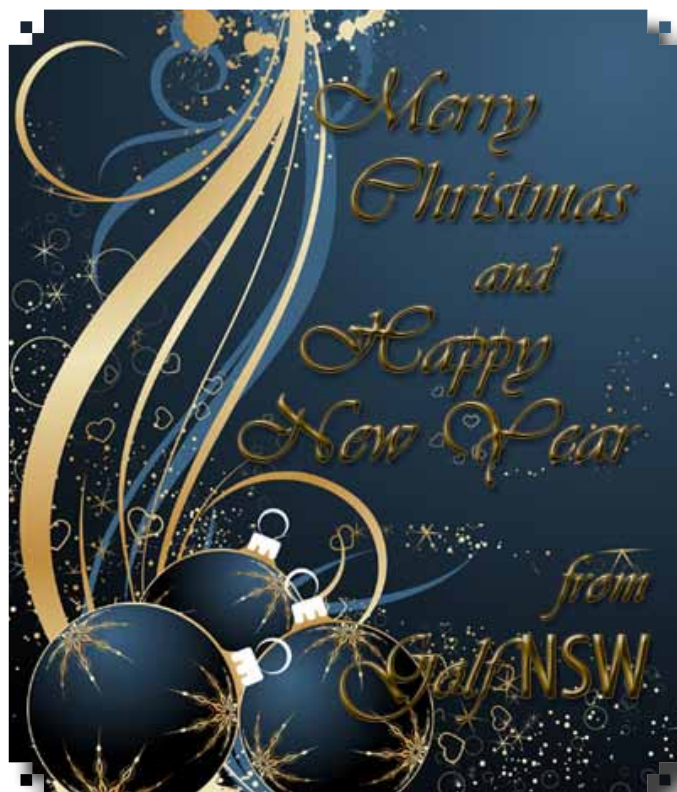
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Club Promotions

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4. Poster - 2012 Family Bowl (Hard copy included)
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6. Poster - 2012 ISPS Handa Australian Open (Hard copy only)

Event Results... [read more on www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org)



Adam Crawford Captures NSW Open Cup

ADAM CRAWFORD (QLD) played near flawless golf to win the NSW Open trophy by one shot. After sharing the lead for most of the tournament Paul Donahoo closed out the round with a disappointing bogey on 18. Donahoo finished tied for 2nd at 5 under par with Anthony Summers, and Jake Higginbottom. However, it was 13 year-old Charlstown golfer, Blake Windred that stole the limelight during the week when he became the youngest ever golfer to qualify for the NSW Open and perhaps even any professional golf tournament.

Gerrigong win 2011 NSW Women's 3BBB State Final

DESPITE a wild storm and an Elton John concert the night prior, the 2011 NSW Women's 3BBB State Final was played in good conditions at Cypress Lakes Golf Resort. 21 teams, 8 from Metropolitan Sydney & 13 from Country NSW battled it out over 18 holes with Gerrigong Golf Club who took the top gong. The winning team comprised Pamela Ford (22), Lola Scott (33) and Kate Quinn (40).



Kato awarded highest honour

RICKY KATO has been awarded the highest individual honour by the Combined High School Sports Association at a recent presentation night. Ricky was awarded the Vale Lembit Trophy as the most outstanding male athlete in the Combined High School Sports Association etching his name in history along with Ian Thorpe & Nick Flanagan.



Ladies scramble to China after outperforming 35,000

THE National Women's Holden Scramble Champions secured a trip to China to compete in a 2012 International Friendly V China event. The Cromer team of Katrina Brown, Nick Robb (Club Professional), Beverley Fagan, Yvonne Burns and Adele Brimmer outperformed 35,000 golfers on a journey that saw them compete in events from 23rd August at Cromer to 21st October on the Sunshine Coast.



Shelly Shin's stellar year

AT 13 years of age, JNJC junior Shelly Shin (Concord) is definitely a young golfer to watch out for in the future. Shelly, who is on a handicap of +1, has had a stellar year and recently crowned with numerous titles under her belt. She was also crowned the Combined High Schools and the Golf NSW Schoolgirl Champion. State Liberal MP Greg Smith presented her, along with 6 others, a NSW State Representative Certificate.



NSW Win Development Series

NEW SOUTH WALES faced Tasmania in a tough final match and although the contest was very tight at the half-way stage it was NSW which ultimately came out on top and secured the Development Series Shield.



NSW runners up in School Teams Championship

THE NSW of De La Salle College Revesby were runners up by one stroke from being 8 behind after the first round at the Australian Secondary Schools Teams Championship.



Denis Dale takes 1st Place in Men's SOOM

THE Golf NSW Men's Senior Order of Merit has concluded for 2011 after 35 events were keenly contested all around NSW and ACT. In the end it was familiar face of Denis Dale (Twin Creeks GC) with 2010 points who took out first place in the Open division. He was followed by Men's Australian Seniors champion, Stefan Albinski (Mona Vale GC) on 1790 points and Stephen Gibson (St Michael's GC) on 1670 points.



Women's International Bowl

THE International Bowl's Overall Winner was Division 3 winner Mary O'Connell (Bondi Diggers). Judy Smith (The Coast) won Division 1 and Maureen Keogh (Murrumbidgee) won Division 2. There were 3168 women who participated in the international bowl. The event is played between 1 January - 30 September and open to female amateurs in 18-hole stroke handicap events. The Overall Winner wins a trip to the Women's Australian Open & a place in the Pro-Am.



Goodwill Plate raises \$9000 to charity

THE Goodwill Plate is a special annual competition to raise funds for Charity recommended by Golf NSW. This year \$9000 was raised for Carers NSW and the Melanoma & Skin Cancer Research Institute. The State Winner was Annie Walker (Richmond) with a score of -12. Annie competed along with 4614 women across NSW and ACT between 1 Jan - 30 Sept. The State Winner is determined by the number of strokes (if any), the nett result is under the AWCR of the course on the day of play.



Somers successfully defends Australian Hickory Title

... AND then it happened. It wasn't quite Gene Sarazen's 'shot heard round the world' at the 1935 Masters, but to appropriate paraphrase a comment made at that time - "Mr. Perry done made a two on 14!". Perry Somers birdie finish at 75 saw him claim the Hickory title by 5 strokes against Derrin Morgan. Barry Meares finished in front in the handicap section. The ladies competition was another double win by Jane Buckley who beat Liz Buckley (no relation) by 2 shots.



Women's Medal Finals

THE 2011 Women's Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal Playoffs culminated with the following prize winners. The Gold Medal - Metropolitan Winner went to Truda Rail (Strathfield) and Gold Medal - Country Winner was Alison O'Connor (Moruya). The Silver Medal went to Patricia Stiles (Killara) and Bronze went to Leonie Showell (Woollooware). Full results and prize winners are listed on www.golfnsw.org



Australian Seniors

WINNING a national championship is a huge feat. However, Sylvia Donohoe (Narooma) has secured her seventh title after defeating Carmel MacDermott on the 19th hole in the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship. Stefan Albinski (Mona Vale) is catching up to Sylvia's claim to fame after capturing his fifth title in the Australian Men's Senior Match Play Championship.



Srixon - New Major Partner

OVER the past 3 years, Srixon Sports Australasia has been a valuable commercial partner of Golf NSW as an extension of the Golf Australia elite development program. With Srixon's business strategies taking a slightly different tack, Golf NSW have secured a major coup for golf in NSW, by coming to new terms with Srixon to continue their association by becoming one of the state's Major Supporting Partners for the next 3 years.

Being one of the most well-known brands in the golf worldwide, Srixon has made a significant mark on the Australian golf industry. Some of the world's leading players use Srixon products, including:-

- 2011 US PGA Champion & USPGA Tour Rookie of the Year, Keegan Bradley
- 2010 US Open Champion, Graeme McDowell
- 3 time Major winner, Vijay Singh
- LPGA Hall of Famers, Karrie Webb and Laura Davies

From a NSW perspective, Australian Amateur Champion and State Team member, Matt Stieger and fellow National and NSW Squad member, Brett Drewitt play exclusively with Srixon equipment.

"The new arrangement with Srixon has resulted in both parties seeking to making a bold statement about the high regard and respect that we have for each of our businesses, together with the willingness and commitment to grow that over the foreseeable future" said Golf NSW Chairman, Chris Allen. "Srixon are a highly visible brand in golf and we are delighted to have come to a significantly different arrangement with



them for at least the next 3 years, which will provide even greater assistance and support to our State Teams, our identified High Performance program, as well as allowing us to deliver on our overall initiatives to foster the game at all levels" he added.

Srixon Sports Australasia Managing Director, Martin Wright, agreed with Mr Allen and added "Our new arrangement with Golf NSW has been the culmination of sharing and discussing our business objectives and then working in a highly co-operative manner with the intentions of reaching and exceeding those objectives, which Golf NSW have demonstrated in a most supportive and productive way. We are excited about the future for Srixon and by becoming a Major Supporting Partner clearly demonstrates our intentions to continue our efforts to be the product of choice in the NSW golf market", he said.

By becoming a Major Supporting Partner of Golf NSW, not only does Srixon join other notable businesses, Coca-Cola Amatil and business equipment supplier, Imagetec, but the brand will be incorporated on all Golf NSW collateral including website, the Drop Zone e-newsletter and stationery items. Srixon will also appear prominently on each of the State Team player's apparel, as well as on specific equipment used during the annual Interstate Series and whenever those players are representing NSW.

What's happening in sport?



A SIGNIFICANT step forward — new national framework to align sport sector

THE National Sport and Active Recreational Policy Framework has recently been released to provide a nationally consistent approach for Australia's sport and recreation system. The 'Framework' was developed by Commonwealth, state and territory government departments responsible for sport and recreation, with feedback provided by a range of national sporting organisations, active recreation organisations and peak bodies. To read the latest go to the Australian Sports Commission website or [\[click here\]](#).

GO FOR GOLD - Sports tourism now firmly part of Shoalhaven's path to the future

AN article written by Glenn Ellard (South Coast Register -12/12/11) reported that Shoalhaven will be home to the *Special Olympics NSW 2012 State Games* from April 27-29. Over 400 athletes will compete in Shoalhaven, including golfers, during the weekend. The Mayor Paul Green expects the games to provide a "tremendous boost to the entire region." [\[Read More\]](#).



OFFICE of Communities Sport & Recreation

AS the title suggests, NSW Sport & Recreation is about communities. They have a range of programs to engage participants as well as to help train committee members to better manage their sport. A list of courses can be found in the ClubConnect CD under Administration.

To subscribe to their eNews go to: www.dsr.nsw.gov.au [\[Read More\]](#).



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New Rules Books ...



New Rules Books for 2012-2015 is Available



The long anticipated new *Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status 2012-2015* Booklet (free to affiliated club members), *Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2012-2013* (\$40) and the *Golf Rules Illustrated 2012-2015* (\$35) have arrived. Order forms are available under Rules > Rules Merchandise on the website. An order form has also been placed in the ClubConnect CD. You can download the free booklet from the R&A website at www.randa.org. The free booklets are currently being distributed to metropolitan clubs and district associations for regional clubs.

Time for Recognition ...

The end of year often takes us on a journey to look back on the year...hurdles and milestones. The golf industry has also been busy reflecting on achievements, recognising individuals and organisations.

The Australian Golf Digest recently announced their 2011 *Player of the Year Awards* and named

- **Adam Scott** - Player of the Year
- **Karrie Webb** - Female Player of the Year
- **Bryden Macpherson** - Amateur Player of the Year
- **Stacey Keating** - Rookie Player of the Year
- **Minjee Lee** - Junior Player of the Year
- **Peter Fowler** - Senior Player of the Year
- **Paul Hayden** - Trainee Player of the Year
- **Col Swatton** - Coach of the Year
- **Richard Forsyth** - Superintendent of the Year
- **Norm Emerson** - Services to Golf.

A list of 2011 Amateur Honour roles for national and state titles was also covered in the magazine.

In the November 2011 *Golfer Pacific* magazine, they named the "Cream of the Crop for the Top 50 Most Influential Figures in the history of the PGA of Australia." **Greg Norman** topped the list at No. 1 as a player, entrepreneur and golf course designer...

The *Australian Golf Media Awards* was held on 19 November at the Lakes Golf Club honouring 11 recipients on the best golf media coverage for articles, photography, television and radio commentating. The coveted *Tom Ramsey Award for Excellence in Journalism* was presented to **Brett Robinson**, for his article on *Cottesloe Golf course superintendent John Bourne* in the Australian Turfgrass Management journal (Volume 13.1 - Jan/Feb 2011 issue). Details are also listed in iseekgolf.com in the article *Bruce Young receives Golf Media Award - 14 Nov. 2011*.

The **West course at Royal Melbourne Golf Club** has been recognised as the best course in Australia, although some claim that its neighbour **Kingston Heath** would be regarded as the premier course in Australia. The **New South Wales Golf Club** comes third and rated as "one of the toughest tests in the country" according to the *top 100 golfcourses of the World we site*.

In five out of the six categories, NSW players are listed at the top of the *Australian Amateur Rankings*. From NSW **Cathleen Santoso** (Girls), **Ricky Kato** (Boys), and **Matt Stieger** (Men's), **Sylvia Donohoe** (Senior Women) and **Stefan Albinski** (Senior Men) made the top listing in their respective age groups for 2011. Only one category, Women's, went to another state, WA's Jessica Speechley.

Congratulations to everyone on their achievements!

Jack Newton Junior Golf turns 25

The JNJG celebrated its 25th year during the JNJG Sponsors Golf Day and Presentation Dinner. The evening also acknowledged their top achievers. Cathleen Santoso and Jake Higginbottom were crowned the Junior of the Year and Jack Newton, Joanne Mills, John and Margaret Gow were inducted into the *JNJG Hall of Fame*. Jack Newton was recognised for being the founder of Jack Newton Junior Golf, Joanne Mills was recognised for being the first ever member of Jack Newton Junior Golf and John and Margaret were recognised for their contribution to the foundation over the past 6 years as volunteers. For a full list of award recipients go to the JNJG website at www.jnjg.com.au or [click here].



Many thanks to all our supporters throughout this past year. We look forward to working with you in 2012!

From the CEO's Desk continued...

New Rules, New Decisions and New Books

Crikey, talk about new rules. For those interested, there may not be that many major changes to the Rules themselves, but the minor changes to the Decisions come thick and fast. The changes may not be for the faint hearted, but they sure make for compelling reading. More on the ClubConnect CD in the Rules and Handicapping folder.

Advance Notice on Communications

Golf NSW responds to virtually hundreds of calls from golf clubs and individuals every month about this or that, and its our intention to seek an increased level of support from both our Zone and District Council Members and Club Delegates alike. The primary reason being, it will be to the benefit of all, if Golf NSW can better share the knowledge associated with

our business which means potentially clubs can access that information from a wider pool as opposed to relying totally on the office. Zone A (Metro North) and Zone C (Metro West) Council Members have already met to contribute to the strategy. If your club has a view on this aspiration, Golf NSW would be very keen to factor those thoughts into our planning with this project.

Greg Mills
CEO



Office Holiday Closure Notice

The Golf NSW Office will be closed from
Friday, 23rd December 2011 to Tuesday, 3rd January 2012

Emergency Contact

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Greg Mills, Chief Executive Officer on 0411 366 799

Upcoming Golf NSW Events

Men's Senior Foursomes

9 January 2012
The Coast GC - Little Bay, NSW

Women's Summer Foursomes

9 - 10 January 2012
The Coast GC - Little Bay, NSW

Men's Lake Macquarie Amateur

26 - 29 January 2012
Belmont GC - Newcastle, NSW

Bing Lee / Samsung Women's NSW Open

27 - 29 January 2012
Oatlands GC - Sydney, NSW

Men's NSW Amateur Championship (incorporating the NSW Medal & 2011 NSW Champion of Champions)

1 - 8 February 2012
Long Reef, Mona Vale & Elanora GCs - NSW

NSW Family Bowl (for men & women/ boys & girls)

19 February 2012
Cabramatta GC - Sydney, NSW

27-29 January, 2012

Oatlands Golf Club

Bettington Road



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